

Parish Magazine

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St. John's Parish Church

Rufford Road, Crossens, Southport
(A member of the North Meols Team Ministry)

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Sunday (10am)

Holy Communion 7th September, 14th September
Morning Prayer 21st September, 28th September

Wednesday (10am, unless otherwise stated)

Holy Communion 3rd September, 17th September
Morning Prayer 10th September, 24th September

For later dates, please check the website: www.stjohncrossens.co.uk

Janet Yardley writes...

Dear Friends

It is almost 2 years since I was Licenced to become a Lay Reader. I feel very privileged to have met so many different people during my ministry. A few weeks ago, I had the wonderful pleasure of being invited to a Retirement Service at Liverpool Cathedral for people retiring from Christian Schools. This was a very moving and inspirational service. It was a time to reflect on the past and evaluate how education has changed over the course of time.

September starts a new year, a new academic year, in which pupils make a move forward in their academic lives. This can be a move to a new class within Primary School, a move from Primary School to Secondary School or even further to College or University. It is a very exciting but for some a daunting time and for some people a time of worry and uncertainty. Although modern society affords such a variety of subjects and opportunities leading to many diverse careers, life becomes sometimes too preoccupied to appreciate the important things in life. We must make time for God in our lives.

To work in a Church school and to contribute to the nurture of its pupils is to be given a solemn trust. I hope that I witnessed to the Gospel values of love and forgiveness and worked together for the common good. May all the pupils remember:

One more step along the road I go.

One more step along the road I go.

From the old things to the new

Keep me travelling along with you.

And it's from the old I travel to the new,

Keep me travelling along with you.

With God's Blessings

Janet



Tune in this month to our Team's quarterly online magazine.

You will find it on our YouTube channel:

NORTH MEOLS TEAM MINISTRY SOUTHPORT

This quarter's edition includes:

- "Threads through the bible" at Liverpool Cathedral
 - A special presentation sent by King Charles
 - Banks Brass Band celebrates 150 years

Shining Brass

Once a month, if you would ever have the need to go into our vestry, then you would have found Brenda and Mavis rubbing and cleaning our brass and silver furnishings. They have regularly kept this work going for several years and we thank them most sincerely for it!



They now feel that it is time to stop, and they would be grateful to hand over to someone else.

If you feel that you would like to continue this work, then they would be very grateful. Please contact Chris Jowett if you would like to help in keeping our church well cared for.

ROTAS

Sunday Coffee Rota

31 st August	Louise J & Heather
7 th Sept	Kath & Jane
14 th Sept	Nicola & Andrew
21 st Sept	Brenda & Chris
28 th Sept	Louise J & Heather
5 th Oct	Kath & Jane

Help is urgently needed to maintain a weekly rota. If you are willing to volunteer, please see me. Chris Jowett

Wednesday Coffee Rota

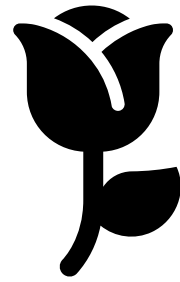
3 rd Sept	Brenda & June
10 th Sept	School
17 th Sept	Jean & Mavis
24 th Sept	Chris & Janet
1 st Oct	Eileen & Trish

Readings Rota

7-Sep-2025	Andrew	12th after Trinity	Philemon 1-21
14-Sep-2025	Joey	Holy Cross Sunday	1 Timothy 1:12-17
21-Sep-2025	Sylvia	St Matthew	2 Corinthians 4.1-6
28-Sep-2025	Joan	15th after Trinity	1 Timothy 6.6-19
5-Oct-2025	Nicola	16th after Trinity	2 Timothy 1.1-14
12-Oct-2025	Simon	17th after Trinity	2 Timothy 2.8-15
19-Oct-2025	Chris J	18th after Trinity	2 Timothy 3-14 - 4.5
26-Oct-2025	Maggie	Bible Sunday	Romans 15.1-6

Flowers for September

September 7th In memory of Audrey Wilcox
September 14th In memory of Yvonne Fee
September 21st Mr and Mrs R Corbett
September 28th Mr & Mrs Johnson.



Thank you to all who support our Flower Fund. ECB.

Are you a native of Crossens? Were you or your family here in 1940's?

Remembrance Sunday is on November 9th. As this year is the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II, we will be having a coffee morning on November 8th, and hopefully a display of WWII memorabilia..

If you were brought up in Crossens and hopefully attended St. John's School between 1939 and 1945, we would like to have your memories of that time. Have you any photos of the V.E. Day street parties that we could borrow? What did you parents, grandparents or older siblings do?

Written accounts of your memories, photos, ration cards etc. would be very welcome. If you lend us photos, please write your name on the back, so that they can be returned.

All funds raised will be going to the British Legion.

*Thank you
Chris Jowett*

Puzzles – Sudoku

EASY

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			7		8		3	

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MEDIUM

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	2			9					
	3							9	
						6		7	
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		5	2						

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"SCHOOL - RESCUE ME!

As part of their work to support charities, school are supporting an animal rescue centre called "Rescue Me". The children have been asked to collect postage stamps from envelopes, unwanted foreign currency and any pre-decimal or pre-euro currency people may have hidden in old socks!!!

If you have any such items, please can you pass them to Karen Corbett and she will take them into school.

Nexus

Churches Together

(in North Meols)

Tuesday 9th September
At St Patrick's RC Church
7:30pm

Everyone is very welcome!

"A new commandment I give unto you. Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another"

John 13:34-35

COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

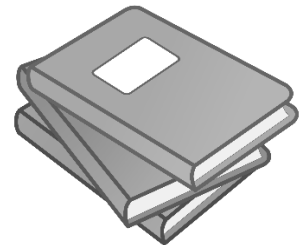
TEA, COFFEE



CAKE STALL



RAFFLE



DISPLAY OF
CROSSENS
DURING WORLD
WAR 2

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ALL FUNDS FOR THE BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL



heritage open days

Join us for this year's
Heritage Open Day on
September 20th.

The church and the
Scarisbrick Mausoleum will
be open from 10am to 2pm.
Crossens history in photos.

Various displays.

Everyone welcome!

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WORDSEARCH

On 3rd September, the Church remembers St Gregory the Great (540 – 604AD), one of the most important popes and influential writers of the Middle Ages. He is well worth remembering, because he also changed the course of history in the British Isles. The son of a very rich Roman senator, Gregory converted as a young man and then sold his vast estates to found six monasteries in Sicily and a seventh in Rome. He gave generously to the poor and became a monk.

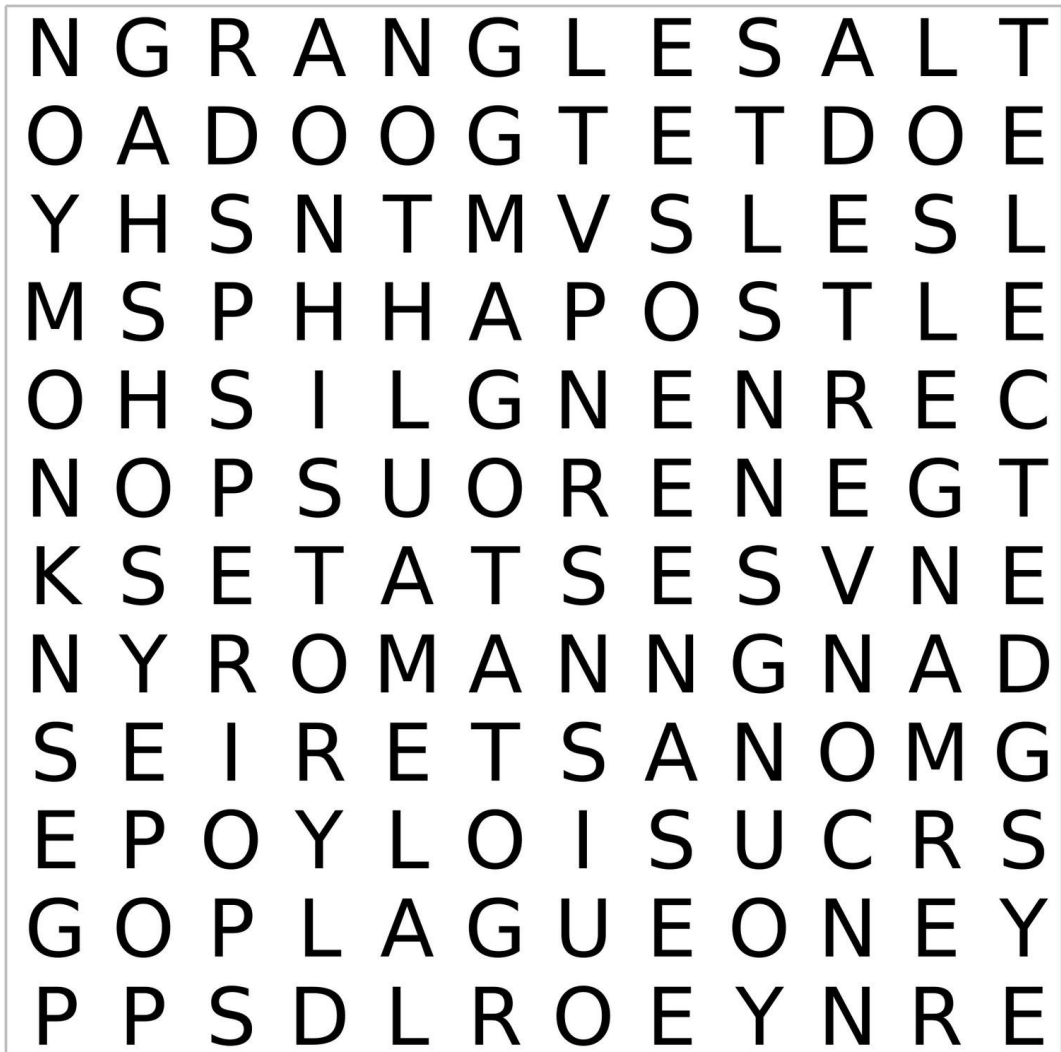
Christians in England owe him a great deal. When Gregory came across some English slaves for sale in Rome, he asked who they were, and was told, "They are Angles." Moved with compassion for these despised men, he replied, "They are not Angles, but angels!" He planned to go to England to evangelize the Angles, but plague broke out in Italy about 590, and during this time he was elected Pope. But Gregory did not forget the Angles. In 596 He sent Augustine to England, and so indirectly became the apostle of the English.

Gregory
History
Son
Roman
Senator

Converted
Young
Estates
Monasteries
Generous

Poor
Monk
English
Slaves
Angles

Angles
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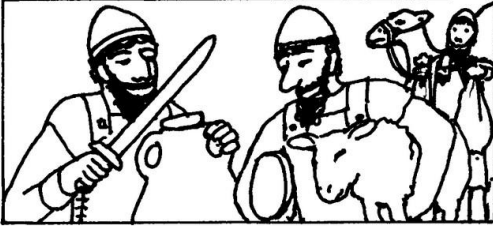
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Judges 6:1-7, 11-16, 25-35

Once the Israelites had moved into their
promised land, they obeyed God, but not for
long, so God let other countries invade.

The Midianites invaded every
year, and stole all the food
the Israelites had grown.

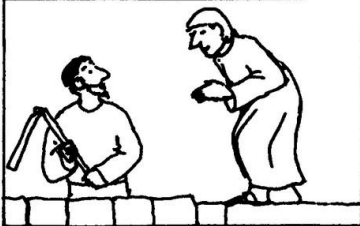


The Israelites had to
hide in the hills.



After 7 years,
the Israelites called
out to God for help.

Gideon was secretly
threshing wheat when
an angel arrived.



The Lord is helping you,
mighty warrior.



I don't
mean to be rude, but it
doesn't look like He is.

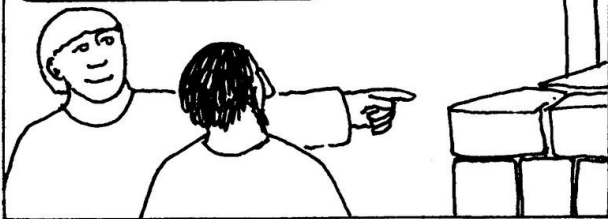
God said

I will give you the
power.



But my clan
is the weakest in our tribe and
I'm the weakest in my family.

I'll be helping you. Start by pulling
down the altar built for Baal and
build one for Me.



Gideon did as he was told (but he
waited and did it at night).



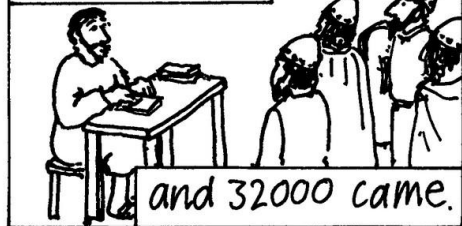
In the morning, people
came to complain to
Gideon's father



If Baal is upset, he
can take his own
revenge, can't he?



Gideon sent out messages
to call men to fight the
Midianites..



and 32000 came.

The tale of the RICH FOOL



JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE STORY WAS ABOUT A MAN
WHO HAD LOTS OF LAND WHICH
GREW WONDERFUL WHEAT.

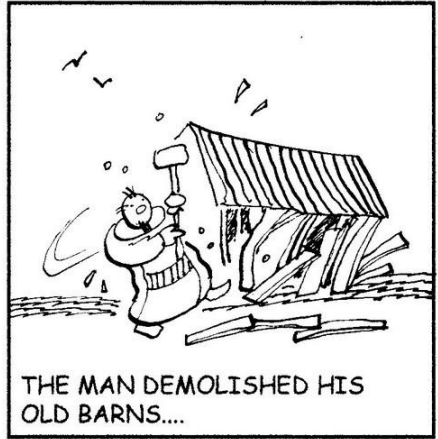
I HAVEN'T ANYWHERE TO
KEEP ALL THIS FOOD



I KKNOW! I'LL PULL DOWN
MY BARN'S AND BUILD
BIGGER ONES



THE MAN DEMOLISHED HIS
OLD BARN'S....



...AND BEGAN TO BUILD
NEW ONES.



SOON I'LL BE THE RICHEST
MAN IN THE TOWN!



I'M SO LUCKY - I CAN
EAT, DRINK AND BE
MERRY!



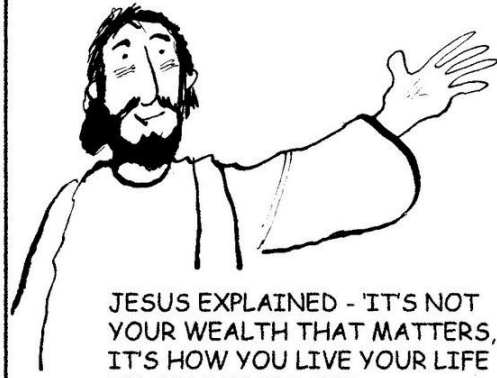
BUT THAT VERY NIGHT,
THE MAN DIED!

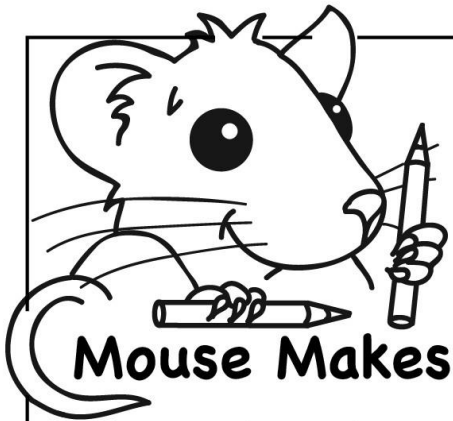


WHAT GOOD WERE HIS
RICHES NOW?



JESUS EXPLAINED - IT'S NOT
YOUR WEALTH THAT MATTERS,
IT'S HOW YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE
THAT'S IMPORTANT





"May the people **praise** you **God**...
The **land yields** its harvest, God,
our God **blesses** us."
- from Psalm 67:5-6

"**Honour** the
Lord with your
wealth and the
first part of
your **harvest**."
- Proverbs 3:9

"Let us fear and respect the Lord our God.
He gives **autumn** and **spring** rains
at the right time. He makes sure that we
have the harvest at just the right **time**."
- from Jeremiah 5:24

"God... gives you **rain** from
heaven and good harvests
at the right times. He gives
you plenty of **food** and
fills your hearts with **joy**."
- Acts 14:16-17

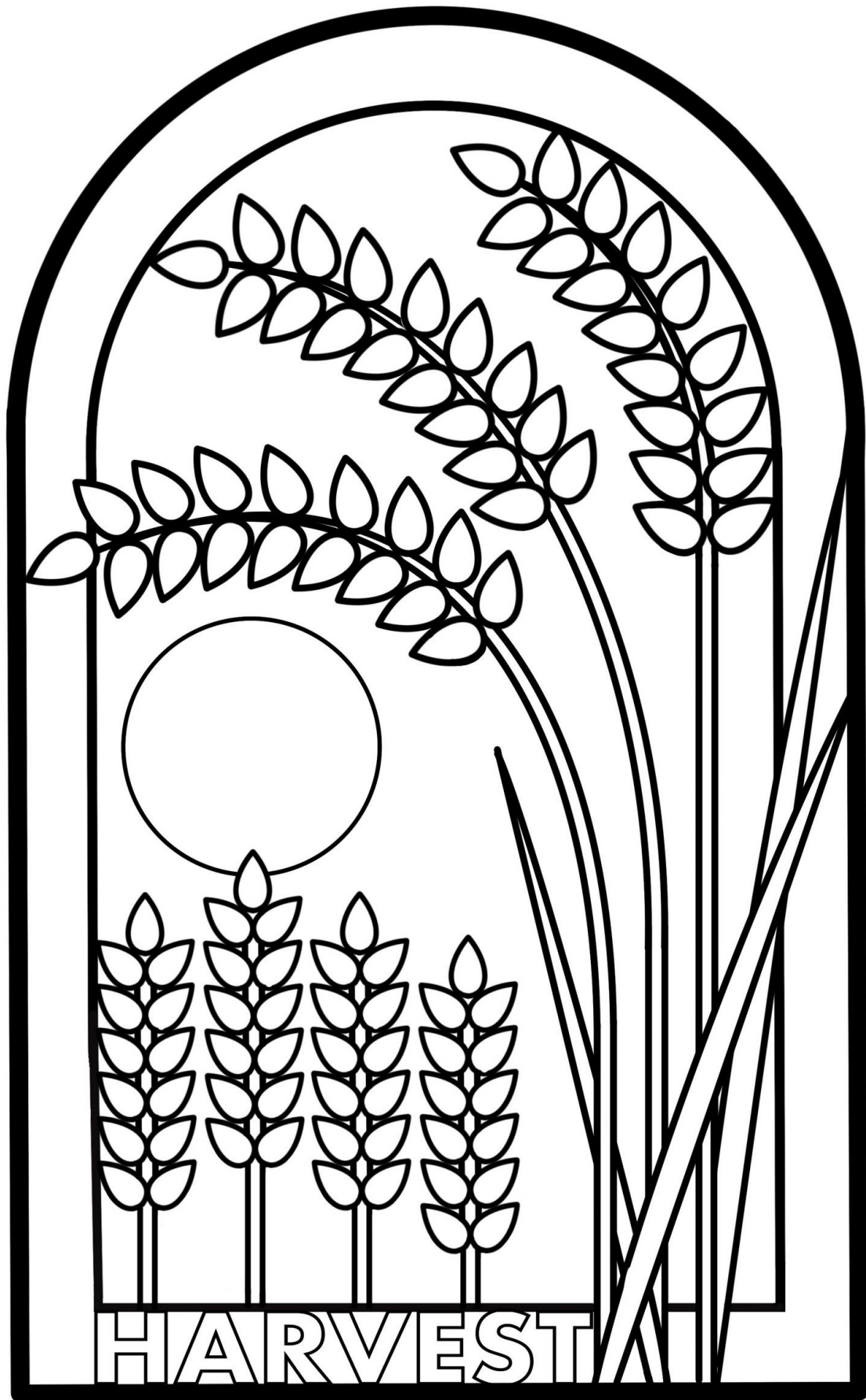
"So the one who **plants** is not
important, and the one who **waters**
is not important. Only **GOD** is
important because He is the one
who makes things **grow**."
- 1 Corinthians 3:7

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Find the words in **bold** type in the bible quotes in the
wordsearch then look for the words below too!

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